

WYCOMBE TAKEN TO EXTRA TIME

Oxford Mail Special Report

W Y C O M B E Wanderers and Maidenhead United were playing extra time at Chesham in their Berks and Bucks Senior Cup semi-final this afternoon.

Maidenhead: C. Reynolds; Runicles, Springall; Thomas, Hatt, Pitts; Woolley, Kelman, Mullen, Brinsden, Wise.

Wycombe Wanderers: Maskell; Bradshaw, Beck; Baker, Rundie, Gale; Roystone, Samuels, Bates, Horseman, Merrick.

Referee: A. G. Hitchman (Twyford).

Straight from the kick-off Maidenhead missed a chance of going ahead when Wise shot high over the bar after a good run by Brinsden, and eight minutes later Maskell foiled Kelman diving at the inside right's feet following a corner.

In the 16th minute Maidenhead's centre forward Mullen headed against the foot of a post from a Kelman centre.

Seven minutes later Maskell made a brilliant save to a close-range shot from Kelman.

On the half-hour the Wycombe goalkeeper made another flying save to a Brinsden drive.

It was Maskell again who somehow plucked a hand shot from Wise from under the crossbar.

Maidenhead deservedly went ahead a minute from half-time through MULLEN.

Half a minute later SAMUELS equalised with a fine header from a left-wing cross.

Half-time: Maidenhead 1, Wycombe W. 1.

In the second half Wise made a long run on the right and after the ball was cleared BRINSDEN put Maidenhead with a beautiful shot from 30 yards.

HORSEMAN equalised in the 72nd minute after an error by Reynolds.

RESULT:
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WYCOMBE WAND. 2

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DESPITE the scoreline, the plucky Maidenhead side dominated this Berks. and Bucks cup semi-final right from the opening seconds, when Wise beited a shot inches over the bar.

Charlie Gale, Wycombe's masterly left half, had to muster the defence in an all-out attempt to ease the pressure.

With Gale the name of Wycombe keeper Maskell can be linked, for the tricky Maidenhead attack provided what must surely be his greatest test.

After a series of heartbreak misses, and with 60 seconds to go before the half-time whistle, Charlie Mullen cracked one home for Maidenhead.

And then, surprisingly before the cheers had died down, Samuels popped up for Wycombe and headed home a left-wing cross.

Maidenhead kept up the pressure, in the second half until Brinsden put them in front in the 64th minute with a blazing 30-yard shot.

Sluggish Wycombe rose to the occasion, but it must have brought sighs of relief from their supporters when Horseman grabbed the equaliser in the 72nd minute.